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SUBJ: CYPRUS IN SC: RESOLUTION 354 DEMANDS CEASEFIRE

OBSERVANCE

1. GREEK REP PANAYOTACOS LATE AFTERNOON JULY 23 REQUESTED
URGENT SC MEETING TO DEAL WITH TELEGRAPHIC REPORT HE
HAD RECEIVED TO EFFECT GREEK EMBASSY NICOSIA UNDER MILITARY
ATTACK BY TURKS. HE REPORTED THAT LIVES OF INNOCENT WOMEN
AND CHILDREN WHO HAD SOUGHT REFUGE IN EMBASSY WERE
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ENDANGERED.

2. SUPPORT FOR IMMEDIATE SC SESSION QUICKLY GAINED MOMENTUM,
LARGELY BECAUSE OF INDIGNATION THAT CEASEFIRE NOT OBSERVED
AND BLOODSHED CONTINUING.

3. WHEN IT BECAME CLEAR THAT SC MEETING INEVITABLE,
USUN CONSULTED BRITISH, FRENCH AND OTHERS WITH VIEW TO
FOCUSING SC ON SIMPLE, MINIMAL RESOLUTION DEMANDING OBSERVATION
OF CEASEFIRE. OUR AIM TO REDUCE RISK OF ESCALATING RHETORIC
AND BROADENING OF DEBATE TO INCLUDE ISSUES THAT MIGHT HAVE
RESULTED IN CONTENTIOUS DRAFT RES AND FURTHER DELAY AND
DIFFICULTY IN BRINGING PARTIES TO NEGOTIATING TABLE.

4. WITH EXCELLENT COOPERATION OF BRITISH, FRENCH AND SC
PRES PEREZ DE CUELLAR (PERU), DESIRED RESULT WAS QUICKLY
ACHIEVED. MEETING WAS SCHEDULED FOR 9 PM AND WHEN THAT HOUR
ARRIVED ALL 15 MEMBERS WERE ALREADY AGREED ON SUITABLE
DRAFT RES AND ON PROCEEDING TO VOTE BEFORE DEBATING ISSUE.
AS IT HAD DONE ON PREVIOUS OCCASIONS, THIS SCENARIO WENT
SMOOTHLY, SYG WALDHEIM READ FACTUAL REPORT, RESOLUTION
WAS ADOPTED 15-0-0, AND SUBSEQUENT DEBATE WAS ANTI-
CLIMAX (SEPTELS). COUNCIL PAID LITTLE HEED TO EX-POST
FACTO GREEK AND CYPROT PLAINTS THAT RES SHOULD HAVE BEEN
STRONGER. SESSION ENDED BEFORE MIDNIGHT, DECKS HAVING BEEN
CLEARED FOR FURTHER ACTION TO BRING PARTIES TO
NEGOTIATING TABLE IN GENEVA.

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